GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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ILLEGAL TRADE OF ELEPHANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of protected elephants in the country State-wise;

(b) whether the illegal trade of elephants has come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to check the illegal trade of elephants in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) State-wise estimates of population of wild elephants is annexed.

(b)to (d) Under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, trade i.e. sale and purchase of elephants are prohibited in the country.No State has repored illegal trading of elephants to the Ministry.